

THE WEATHER
Partly cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Sunday; possibly showers in north portion this afternoon or tonight; not much change in temperature.

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APPREHENSION OVER CONFERENCE COMPLICATIONS

BRITISH PREMIER WORRIED

Dominions' Colonies Insist On Making Trouble and Want In Conference

(BY NEWTON C. PARKE)
LONDON, July 23.—Premier Lloyd George is becoming apprehensive over the complications which are besetting the arrangements for the proposed Washington conference on disarmament and Far East issues, his friends revealed today.

The Premier was quoted as saying to an intimate:

"I almost wish I had never suggested a conference."

Lloyd George's statement is explained by the fact that while the public invitation to The Powers came from President Harding, it is generally understood that Great Britain strongly urged the United States to take the initiative in calling the International conference.

The Premier intensely wishes the conference to be held and also he wishes to participate personally. Apart from sincerely believing that disarmament is possible, he realizes that it would be the biggest personal triumph he has ever achieved and would assure him an unlimited term of power.

But three obstacles confront the Premier:

1.—Premier Hughes of Australia is insisting upon Australian representation in the Pacific discussions. Premier Meighen of Canada, is supporting his Australian colleague, Lloyd George favored their suggestion to the extent of putting the proposal directly up to George Harvey, the American Ambassador. No response has yet arrived from Washington and Lloyd George is beginning to fear that there is no chance for a preliminary conference in London.

2.—Premier Lloyd George realizes it is useless for him to go to the United States unless there is an Irish settlement in the meantime. He is becoming slightly pessimistic on account of the attitude of Ulster in the Irish negotiations.

3.—Leaders of the Coalition party resent the possible absence of Lloyd George from England, fearing that Austen Chamberlain would be unable to hold the Coalition party together in his absence.

These three factors are telling heavily against Lloyd George's personal desires and doubt is expressed as to whether he can overcome them.

The London Times understands that the Dominion Premiers have received from Washington a reply to their query as to whether they may have representation at the conference, but no hazard was made as to the contents.

In connection with Premier Lloyd George's statement in Commons that Great Britain would continue the construction of warships, the Daily Mail declared today that the Cabinet supports the Premier's view and that it favors the building of capital ships and a continuation of the naval program.

For several years Britain will construct big warships at the rate of three or four a year, according to The Daily Mail's version of the Ministerial decision.

NATION-WIDE SEARCH FOR BANK PRESIDENT

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
CHICAGO, July 23.—A nation-wide search is under way today for Warren C. Spurgin, president of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company which was closed Thursday by state bank examiners. Spurgin has been missing since July 15. Warrants for his arrest have been issued.

Auditors examining the books of the bank said today that assets were valued at least \$1,000,000 and may amount to \$1,500,000, has been found. Worthless securities amounting to approximately \$500,000 are said to have been found.

It is expected that a complete statement of the bank's assets and liabilities will be issued late today.

CHECK FORGER VISITS HOBART

HOBART, Ind., July 23.—A check forger visited this place a few days ago and after stealing a revolver and a \$100 bill, he was arrested. The forger, who was named as Otto Brey, was arrested by the local police. He was charged with check forgery and was held in the local jail.

"CHICKEN FARM" CASE CONTINUED

CROWN POINT, Ind., July 23.—The case against Cully Frankman, proprietor of the "Chicken Farm," the Ridge Road resort near Gary which was recently closed by the sheriff, was continued today in the Criminal court re-convened in September, following the summer vacation. The continuance was granted when it was learned that Frankman's attorney, Henry F. McCracken, had been called to a Chicago hospital to be at the bedside of his wife who is critically ill.

Incidentally, it is rumored here that the Chicken Farm is running again.

Did You Hear That

AFTER several weeks absence, K. Stinson is back on the job today.

COOL R. P. LAMONT, president of the American Foundries sailed for London this week.

JOE CONROY is already anticipating his annual flight to Mackinac Island next month.

WORKMEN are putting a new roof on the Westworth high school building in West Hammond this week.

R. E. WOODS is jubilant over the prospects of the new subdivision his company is putting on the market this week.

H. W. THOMAS has resigned as pastor of the Full Gospel Mission according to word received from him at Union City.

COMBINATION picnic tables and benches have been installed at the Lake Front Park and are filling a long felt want.

FIFTEEN Year old Wendell Barnett of Charleston, Ind., still wearing knee pants is the youngest student at the University of Chicago.

"LUCKY there wasn't anyone sitting on the right of Sproat," said a humorous youth, viewing the angle at which the Sproat machine was resting.

THE crowd at the East Chicago boxing show last night may not have been so very large, but all the autos in this part of the state were parked outside.

FLOYD MURRAY after a week of golf, claims that he cannot detect any improvement. The trouble is, he tries to hit the ball as though it was a football line.

HAS anyone managed to get near enough to them to read those little condemnation notices which were tacked high up on the walls of the Hohman block.

CHARLES HICK formerly of Hammond, but now of Chicago, thinks enough of the country club course to make four or five trips a week out here for golfing.

WHEN Dr. H. E. Sharrer on his vacation heard of the collapse of the Hohman block roof it brought to his mind the now-forgotten Hohman st. widening topic.

ONE of Judge McMahon's republican editor friends wired him yesterday to be sure and reserve a room for him at a Hammond hotel for the Editorial Staff next week.

THE amazing growth of the number of buses and jitneys in Hammond is a matter of supreme concern to the street car company which sees disaster ahead if it keeps up.

THOSE nice new suits in which the Hammond police managed to put it over the Gary force at baseball, were sold to them at cost by John Millett, for which he deserves credit.

THE city council has agreed to stand half of the expense of two weeks' vacation for Ed Kroer, manager of the Hammond free employment bureau. The state will pay the other half.

THE following Lake Co. people registered at New York hotels this week: H. R. Jones, East Chicago at the Bessing; Miss C. Long, Hammond, Martinique; N. H. Golden, Gary, at the Longacre.

MAURICE EIN cordially invites the public to turn out Monday morning and watch him smash up the mess of stills which he has purchased as junk from the federal prohibition department.

DR. W. E. ARMSTRONG, of Greentown, a dentist, who also was a lecturer, one of his addresses being on "Why Worry," committed suicide at his home on Wednesday by drinking poison.

BY a ruling of the city council, the Chicago police may be outfitted in light weight uniforms next summer. There may be some promise for the Hammond cops if they are willing to spend the money.

MAY street is well represented in the membership lists of the Water Bolsheviki in spite of the fact that it passes dangerously near to the home of Car George Blockie. These water radicals are a bold lot.

ALL set for the dunes! Another \$1 round trip excursion to Michigan City on the South Shore tomorrow—good on all trains. Excursionists can get off at Tremont, Porter, Chestnut or any stop in the dune region.

ED. WHITE, professional at the Hammond Country Club, and his brother Morris, have applied for a patent on a sprinkling attachment which will keep three streams of water going from one tap, and wet a whole green at once.

THERE is some talk in the Nine-teenth precinct which is the Eleventh Ward, of having the voting place moved nearer to the center of the population. In the past the polling place has been in the extreme northwest corner.

THE De Witt Clinton train, which is to be displayed at the Pageant of Progress in Chicago beginning July 30, as the pioneer American steam passenger train, will pass through Hammond on its way there on Friday, July 23. The train is to stop for two hours at South Bend and it will doubtless stop for at least a short time here. The train is to be displayed beside the once famous New York Central engine No. 399.

SEWAGE DUMPING IS OPPOSED

Opposition to the dumping of Hammond's sewage into the Little Calumet River from the proposed South Hohman street sewer has developed from another quarter. The Lake County Fish & Game Protective Association has taken a stand.

This county-wide organization, which has among its objects the enforcement of the laws for the protection of fish and game and the stocking of streams with game fish views with alarm the proposal of the city to turn its sewage into the river even for a short time while sewage treatment plants are being installed.

"We have already taken up the matter with the Department of Conservation at Indianapolis," said Walter Millikan, treasurer of the association today. "As soon as our members learned of the plans of the city a storm of protest arose and the association went on record against the scheme. The Little Calumet River is the only stream in the northern part of the county to furnish sport for fishermen at home and we intend to protect it."

"We had just made arrangements for the federal government to start stocking the stream with bass. The state department is about to furnish us with thousands of crappies, bluegill and pickers. If the fish are placed there, the pollution of the stream will kill them or drive them away."

It is expected that as a result of the action of the sportsmen of the county the state department will investigate the matter and it is probable that a change in the city's plans will be necessary. It is well known that when streams are polluted with sewage, carp are the only fish which thrive and where carp are in the majority the others soon disappear entirely.

17 YEAR OLD PONZI ARRESTED

CHICAGO, July 2.—Stephen B. Capasack, the 17-year-old boy "Ponzi" of LaSalle street, was sentenced to six months in the Federal Boys' School at Booneville, Mo., by Federal Judge K. M. Landis today. Capasack pleaded guilty to using the United States mail to defraud.

The youth, a former \$15-a-week bank messenger, pursued a brief though lurid career as a broker on LaSalle street. His business totalled \$500,000 when federal agents swooped down on him. He declared, during his plea, that he had set out to "slang" others because he "wanted to become rich."

"I got to seeing so many bankers and wealthy chaps coming around in swell motor cars and in clothes that I wanted to become rich," he told Judge Landis. "I knew I was just a kid but I was pretty wise on stocks and bonds."

"So I opened an office. That was six months ago. My first investment was for \$200. I wanted to get rich honestly, but I got stung on the \$200 and I set out to get others."

"I watched the papers for notices of persons wishing to sell oil stocks and leases. I wrote them and said I'd handle the deal to their advantage. In that way, I got possession of leases and stocks worth half a million dollars at par value. It was great to be in business."

ROSS WOODHULL MAYOR OF CHICAGO YESTERDAY

ROSS A. Woodhull, owner of the Woodhull Ice Cream Co. of Lake county, and a Chicago alderman, was mayor of Chicago for four hours yesterday.

Because of business in connection with the Pageant of Progress, Mayor Thompson left his claim at the city council yesterday afternoon. He summoned Alderman Woodhull to the room and handed him the gravel. Alderman Woodhull is a democrat and the democrat side of the council applauded.

ATTORNEY HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Attorney Eric Sproat of Hammond had a narrow escape from serious injury or death early last evening when his Ford Coupe turned on its side at the corner of Mason and Hohman streets, following a collision with J. Arkin, the furniture dealer.

The mishap on the corner threw the Sproat machine over the curb on the southwest corner, turning it on its side and badly damaging it. Mr. Sproat, fortunately escaped without injury. The Arkin machine received little hurt from the accident.

LAKE COUNTY CITIES ARE ON THE LIST

Gary, Hammond and E. Chicago Have Hundred Thousand Or More Postal Savings

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Four Indianapolis post offices, three in Lake county are among the 132 with postal savings deposits in excess of \$100,000. The cities, with their postal savings deposits, are Gary, \$331,072; Hammond, \$175,565; Indianapolis \$168,781, and East Chicago, \$148,238. A statement of the postal deposits for June was issued today by Postmaster General Hays.

Gary ranks forty-first among the 132 postoffices with large postal deposits. It will be observed that both the Gary and Hammond postoffices, though in smaller cities, have postal deposits in excess of those of the Indianapolis office. This is explained by the large foreign population in Lake county. The inclination of the foreign-born citizen to use the post-office rather than banks is due to the fact that the postal savings system is highly developed in European countries when he came.

Postmaster General Hays recently announced his determination to give more attention to the postal savings feature of his department. He considers the present interest rate as too low and expects soon to make recommendations to Congress that it be increased. His announcement has been the subject of much favorable editorial comment in leading newspapers.

EXAMINATIONS IN AUGUST.—The civil service commission yesterday announced that examinations for postmaster candidates for seven Indianapolis postoffices of the second class will be held Aug. 12, and for twenty-nine Indiana offices of the third class Aug. 13.

The second-class cities where postmasters are to be appointed are: Culver, Greensburg, Huntington, Mitchell, Rochester, Whiting and Winamac. The third-class cities where examinations will be held are: Austin, Avilla, Borden, Bryant, Camden, Christy, Crothersville, Daleville, Gas City, Hamilton, Hubbard, Hebron, Henryville, Ladoga, Lapel, Montezuma, Nashville, Parker, Pleasant Lake, Rome City, Royal Center, Saint Meinrad, Sheridan, Silver Lake, Walkerton, Waveland, West Lebanon, Wolcott and Yorktown.

HUNTING STOLEN CAR; FIND OTHER THIEVES

Hammond Police Make An Important Capture Last Night.

Another one of those important captures for which the Hammond police are becoming famous was made late last night when Officers Bell and Waggoner of the motorcycle squad picked up a pair of auto thieves and the car which they had stolen in Toledo, Ohio.

These thieves, who gave their names as William H. Connelly, 394 Webster avenue, Chicago, and Marvin Sahnow, Erie, Penn., were unfortunate in stealing a Hudson sedan, for a car of this make had been stolen from a Gary man the night before by a pair of bandits.

The officers were on the lookout for this machine and stopped the two men in this car. Questioning the suspected thieves, the policemen did not get a satisfactory reply, so they took them to the station. Further questions served to lead the pair deeper into the mire, and the upshot of the matter was, that they confessed to stealing the car.

It had been taken from in front of the Y. M. C. A. building in Toledo at noon last Wednesday. From the numbers in the car it was found to be the property of Cecil L. Road, county surveyor, whose home is in Toledo. The authorities of the Ohio city have been notified and will arrive soon for the car and the bandits.

CLUB MUST COLLECT DUES

At a meeting of the directors of the Hammond Country Club officials were assured that even if the club is sold which is now said to be doubtful, the club members will have all their privileges the balance of this year and in all probability the whole next year. In order to protect the members, however, it is necessary that all dues be paid at once in order to meet rental and other expenses.

NO CHANGES IN ASSESSMENTS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 23.—The state tax board today found the Lake County assessments as returned by the Board of Review to be such that no changes are necessary whatever.

HARBOR WOMAN FALLS UNDER MOVING TRUCK

While alighting from a moving truck Thursday evening, Mrs. Mary Erdy of 2218 137th street, Indiana Harbor, fell beneath the car and her right leg was ground off.

Mrs. Erdy, who has been working at the Universal Portland Cement company had accepted an invitation to ride home upon one of the heavy cement trucks and at the corner of Guthrie and 137th the truck slowed down to allow Mrs. Erdy to alight. It is thought that her dress became caught in the fender that caused Mrs.

Erdy to fall beneath the truck, for before the driver could realize the woman's danger the rear wheel had passed over the victim's right leg.

The injured woman was first taken to Dr. Teegarden's office by the Indiana Harbor police patrol and later ordered to St. Margaret's hospital, Hammond. The same evening Dr. Teegarden amputated the limb just below the hip, and the case is considered very serious. Dr. Teegarden is of the opinion that the patient has passed the danger point.

5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

(BULLETIN)
ALBANY, N. Y., July 23.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, must pay New York state approximately \$12,000 income tax or face a charge of perjury, according to James S. Y. Lyons, income tax bureau head.

If Dempsey insists he is not a resident of this state, the affidavit which he is alleged to have sworn to recently to prevent a writ of attachment on his automobile will be produced. Dempsey swore, it is claimed, that he was a resident of this state.

(BULLETIN)
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 23.—The mangled body of William Gieger of Charleston, Ill., was found in a ditch near his home by city pickers. He is believed to have been run over by a bull. He had been dead three days.

(BULLETIN)
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 23.—William Hargett is the eighth Vigo county man to die this summer of a broken neck, sustained in diving into shallow water while bathing. The manner of death has been almost identical in every instance. Hargett is survived by a widow and four small children. He was 28 years old.

(BULLETIN)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 23.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 205 which left Memphis last night for St. Louis in charge of a Memphis crew, was held up and its mail and express cars robbed by five white men and a negro, all masked, about 10 o'clock, between Cherry Valley, Ark., and Vandale, Ark., 50 miles from Memphis.

(BULLETIN)
CLEVELAND, July 23.—Two laborers, Cirrel Kompara and Vincent Leton, were literally blown to bits today when two sticks of dynamite dropped into a clay bank where they were working, exploded prematurely. Albert W. Jesse, engineer, may die from injuries received. Jesse was sent hurtling through the air for 30 feet.

(BULLETIN)
BERLIN, July 23.—Germany today offered the Allied Reparation Commission an installment of \$50,000,000 under the indemnity quota due next month.

(BULLETIN)
WASHINGTON, July 23.—Secretary of War Weeks today ordered all discharges in the army stopped and this order followed instructions sent out yesterday to limit discharges to thirty per cent of each command.

GRANGER MADE HEAD OF FOREIGN WAR VETS

The Edward Larson post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was organized last night at the court house with sixty-six charter members. Attorney H. E. Granger was elected commander; Arthur Rothman, senior vice-commander; Van Valkenberg, junior vice-commander; Walter Meyn, quartermaster; H. C. Miller, chaplain; and Eric Lund, color bearer.

AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR SIFO PLANT

An auto accident occurred at the Sifo Products Co. on 150th street, this morning involving Frank Grove, of 2850 Oak street, a parcel post driver and Alfred Elie, of the Murillo Studio on State street. Grove, driving east on 15th street, was turning into the Sifo plant and, according to witnesses, failed to hold out his hand. Elie, following closely ran into the side of the government truck, damaging it to some extent.

Elie, in order to have the evidence should any trouble arise, took his camera from the machine and photographed the accident just as it was.

LOOP STREET CAR SERVICE IF CITY CAN CURB BUSES

Chance for Hammond to Make Dicker With Street Railway Company.

Loop city street car service, for which Hammond has been clamoring for years and years, is at last believed to be nearing the point of realization.

but it will come at the expense of the warm of motor buses which in the last few months have made heavy inroads into the business of the H. W. & E. C. street railway company.

From consultations which have taken place between officials of the street car company and the city Hammond it is believed that the company will quickly and gladly complete the loop by way of Columbia avenue and State street, and install city service, providing the city council will take action to curb the bus menace.

which has been rendered ripe for compromise by the action of the city council this week in ordering an ordinance prepared which will require the company to put the cars back on the old fifteen minute schedule instead of the twenty minute plan in vogue since July 1.

The company argues that it is running at a loss. During the greater part of the day the cars carry few passengers from State and Hohman streets, south, owing to the fact that the motor buses scour the streets constantly and generally one of them precedes each street car as it travels along Hohman street, picking up all passengers waiting at the curb.

The month of June alone showed a falling off in traffic amounting to about 200,000 fares.

The officials hold that twenty minute service is sufficient between Hammond and Indiana Harbor with the possible exception of some of the early morning and evening rush hour runs. They also intimate that it is too frequent for the Hammond city territory considering the number of passengers hauled.

The buses have been the pets of the city council since the first trouble with the street car company. At one time it was proposed to allow them to operate on the streets without obtaining vehicle licenses in order to "rub it in" and make the company come to time. Many of them, it is said, are now operating without such licenses, the fees from which were intended to go into the street repair fund. The street car company on the other hand is expected to keep up the streets between the rails and for a specified distance on each side. While much neglect has been shown on this point in some parts of the city, the company at least keeps its part of the streets in passable condition.

Another point is raised by the utility which is generally overlooked by the public. That is that the street car company must show that it is able to meet all damages arising from accidents or carry sufficient indemnity insurance to cover such situations. No one knows whether the bus owners are so protecting the public. In other words, if a loaded bus should be wrecked, if a loaded bus should be wrecked, the loss of several lives or with serious injuries, the victims or their relatives might be left with no recourse.

WEEK OF SEPT. 25 FOR G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and its associated organizations will be held in Indianapolis the week of September 25, the general committee in charge of arrangements for the encampment announced Thursday following a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. The annual parade of the veterans will probably be held the morning of September 25 and the encampment will close the evening of the following day.

Chairman of the subcommittees which will arrange for the encampment were appointed.

THIEVES ENTER HOME

Thieves entered the home of Mr. Creabann of 775 Claude street, yesterday through a front porch window, and escaped with a watch and ring.

Oscar Kilmer, who lives upstairs, at 284 State street, lost his bicycle by theft yesterday afternoon. The machine was taken from his back yard.

HAMMOND LATEST TO ORGANIZE

Gary and Whiting Are Other Lake Co. Cities Included In Great Lakes Domain

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 23.—That Hammond is the latest of a score of Indiana cities to organize a Klan of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was given out officially here today.

The Grand Goblin, representing Colonel William J. Sumner, Imperial Wizard of the Klan, who is in charge of the Great Lakes Domain with headquarters here announced that provisional Klans were installed in Evansville, Indianapolis, Noblesville, Anderson, Muncie, Sheridan, Gary, Whiting, Fort Wayne, South Elkhart, Terre Haute, Marion, Huntington, Wabash and other cities in the Hoosier state.

The Great Lakes Domain comprises seven states, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois. Each of these states is referred to as a "realm." The Realm of Indiana is growing rapidly according to state-wide reports, its membership numbering the best men in each community, professional men, bankers and business men from every walk of life including the trades and railroad men.

The membership is secret to the public, only Klansmen knowing each other by word signs, but the purposes of the Klan are made public. Every Klansman takes a solemn oath to defend the Constitution of the United States and do all in his power to preserve American ideals, traditions and institutions. Free press, free speech, separation of church and state, and free public schools are some of the principles involved in the creed of the Klan. The organization of the Klan is designed to conform to the spirit of the Constitution in every particular and is strictly democratic.

The membership in the North is rapidly outstripping that of the South in numerical strength. Great interest is being manifested in those cities where Americanization among foreign settlements is badly needed. Chicago already boasts a Klan which numbers well into the thousands and many cities are suggesting Wisconsin and Illinois are preparing for their chapters.

Although the negro question (insofar as the negro is insured a fair trial by law when he has committed an unlawful act is concerned) is one of the important considerations of many of the Klans of the South, the chief aims of the North American Klans is to scatter simon pure American propaganda.

To qualify for membership Klansmen must be native born Americans, and must owe no allegiance whatever to any foreign power or potentate either political or ecclesiastical.

KU KLUX KLAN HAS NO STATE STANDING

Organization Has No Authority to Operate in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 23.—Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, an organization which is a revival of the secret society of the old post-civil war days, and which is working somewhat clandestinely in Indianapolis, as well as other parts of the United States, has no authority to operate in Indiana. P. H. Wolfard, assistant secretary of state, wrote a letter to an Anderson banker who inquired concerning the organization.

The Anderson banker wrote that he had received a blank application and literature inviting him to join the organization. He wished the secretary of state to inform him whether the organization is legal.

Mr. Wolfard said that the literature represented that the organization is incorporated in Georgia. He said a 1921 law provides that a corporation without capital stock and not organized for pecuniary profit can not operate in Indiana without a certificate of authority from the state department. The certificate is issued after the filing with the secretary of certain information concerning the location of Indiana offices, Indiana agent, purposes and methods of doing business or description of undertakings. Organizations which are not so authorized may be enjoined from carrying on here, Mr. Wolfard said. He said that no such organization has obtained a certificate to operate in the state.

Some of the literature of the organization carries the legend: "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, incorporated, Indianapolis, Indiana." Other literature gives Atlanta, Ga., as the principal headquarters and displays the word "incorporated."

One story heard by Mr. Wolfard says that there are two or three thousand of the knights in Indianapolis and that this is the district headquarters for a number of middle western states.

STREET RY. EMPLOYEES WAGES ARE CUT

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
NEW YORK, July 23.—A reduction of approximately ten per cent in wages for all employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company was announced today by the receiver, Lindley M. Garrison. The cut, he said has been accepted by the employees.

This reduction, coming in conjunction with the vote of the Interborough employees, to accept a 10 per cent cut, means that within a short time most of the transportation workers at Greater New York will be receiving reduced wages.